



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Bill:** H.B. 373 of the 130th G.A.

**Date:** April 3, 2014

**Status:** As Passed by the House

**Sponsor:** Rep. Terhar

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

**Contents:** Designates the Elder High School Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway

### State Fiscal Highlights

- The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) could incur costs of approximately \$350 to \$400 per sign, including materials and labor, to install appropriate markers on the highway designated in the bill. ODOT could be reimbursed by the city of Cincinnati for some or all of these costs.

### Local Fiscal Highlights

- The city of Cincinnati could incur a nominal fee if it requests ODOT to install primary and auxiliary signs for the highway named in the bill.

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## Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill designates a portion of State Route 264, also known as Glenway Avenue, in the city of Cincinnati as the Elder High School Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway. In addition to the usual authorization for the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to erect signs to mark the designated highway, the bill also authorizes Elder High School to place auxiliary markers with individual names alongside the primary markers on an alternating basis.

When a highway or bridge is named by the General Assembly, the policy of ODOT is first to install a memorial marker in a rest area, scenic overlook, recreational area, or other appropriate location. If this is not practical, a marker is installed along the highway instead. Two markers are usually installed, one in each direction at each location. The roadway designated in the bill is located within the city of Cincinnati. In cases where memorial highways designated by the General Assembly under Chapter 5533. of the Revised Code fall on U.S. or state routes within the boundaries of a municipal corporation, ODOT's Traffic Engineering Manual directs that signs are not to be installed by ODOT, but that ODOT may furnish signs to the municipality for a commensurate fee. Therefore, the city of Cincinnati could incur minimal costs to reimburse ODOT for the installation of signs marking the highway. However, as Elder High School is a private Catholic school, it is unclear if it would still be subject to the Traffic Engineering Manual guidelines for reimbursement.

According to ODOT, the costs of installing signs for memorial highways are approximately \$350 to \$400 per sign, including materials and labor. Once a set of signs is installed, typically there are no maintenance costs unless the signs are damaged. Signs are usually in need of replacement every 12 to 15 years.